

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee 4pm Sunday 23 May 4pm via Zoom

Present: Judith Lawton, Lynne Fegan, Bradley Johnston and Carole Bee

Apology: Philip Noye

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 May were taken as read and moved with corrections: name Glen Coutts to Sam Coutts and delete re notes from Phil

Agenda Items

1. Winton/Otago Tournament dates for 2022.

Brad has had a look at it. We need to avoid having two, two-day tournaments in a row in our region to encourage maximum participation. Brad will ask Winton and the Otago club to try and sort it out between themselves and then get back to us if unable to or with their solution. Needs to be done in a timely manner.

2. Financial Report:

The inter-provincial travel refunds have been paid out but these will be claimed back from NZ Bridge.

3. Inter-Provincial trials have been held. Some dissatisfaction with the late notice and the format. 4 teams have been selected. Intermediate team the strongest on the day and the open a tight contest between two very strong teams. Also Senior's and a women's team selected unopposed.

5. Carole Bee has agreed to carry out the role of Secretary. Phil has been asked to assume role of Treasurer.

6. Vouchers have been developed for prizes for all Otago Southland run competition's prize winners. Director of the tournament to fill out the relevant parts and these will be handed to prize winners to put their bank details on and then forwarded to us for payment.

7. Provincial tournament entry fees are not being taken on line. Will let them know that this is possible. Voucher system will be used for payment of prize money. Lynne will liaise with Lindsay.

8. Financial Review: Held over to next meeting when Phil can join us.

9. Emails need to have a specific subject so all in one thread but not mixed up with others. Getting confusing and emails getting missed. One topic per email.

10. Some clubs are not using the new NZ Bridge tournament format. Lynne to email these clubs and re-send them the instruction manual.

11. Youth Bridge: Otago club doing a holiday programme for secondary school students. Brad will continue to follow up on this.

12. Judith mentioned that the Compass scoring programme is very easy to use with a wide variety of movements easily accessible. Invercargill have very little trouble running it or training new users.

14. **Rubber bridge** progressing, still a round 2 and a round 3 match outstanding. Ideally needs to be finished by the end of May for travel to congress to be organised.

15. **O/S Provincials:** - Catering will be continuous nibbles both 5th and 6th June bring your own lunch. Lynne will co-ordinate with Liz at Otago club who are hosting.
- Entry fee \$40 teams and \$35 pairs
- Lindsay is directing (Brad has confirmed this) but format not yet discussed.
- Need to ensure master points go through Otago/Southland and not the Otago Club.

16. **Tournament Promotion:** Keeping a new data base of club contacts to start from scratch. This topic will be discussed at regional conference.

- Like to hold a Novice restricted tournament in Central Otago area. Maybe for next year's calendar in Nov/Dec. Maybe allow them to take a support person (not to help with play but everything else). Novice is less than proficiency so they are not novices very long. Maybe organise something casual this year.

17. **Funding Application for Accommodation for National Conference:** Brad advised hasn't approached the Bendigo trust yet as we need numbers of who will require funding assistance and then apply of half the cost of the cheapest accommodation.

18. **Club Roles: Next meeting**

19. **Club Liaison:** Alexandra have done very well and are debt free after building new clubrooms and have moved to tablets.

20. **Junior Pairs Participation at Congress: Next Meeting**

21. **Clubs at Risk:** Ranfurly, Milton and Tapanui.

22. **Coaching grants:** Judith will ask at conference if they still happen.

23. **Director's exams:** Completed. No reading time meant some candidates ran out of time.

24. **Computer training:** Again some dissatisfaction expressed with Scorer. Compass a good alternative with minimal training required.

25. **Improver's lessons:** Brad will look into this and maybe start shoulder tapping at conference. Wanaka do improver's lessons 1-4pm on the last Sunday of the month.

26. **New Initiatives:** Investigating a site at Waimumu field days. Need to proceed quickly before desirable sites become unavailable. Costs will be the site, Accommodation and travel for Sonya. Clubs will need to provide "staff" to help and maybe demo play.

27. **2022 Otago Southland Conference:** not yet confirmed

28. **Annual Survey:** Not completed yet.

29. **Bridge in Schools:** Brad will follow up on this.

30. **Otago Southland Bridge Logo development:** Brad had a go, to be reimbursed \$10.66 for programme he used. Will ask Sonya who has some ideas to have a go. She will have a budget of about \$60.

31. Lynne to be reimbursed \$50.31 being the cost to get us access to the email account again.

32. Items for NZ Regional Conference in Wellington as per the list on the agenda. Are they arranging accommodation for provincial teams?

33. Invercargill Swiss A Pairs masterpoints to be paid by O/S 15th Jan 2022 as it is an Otago Southland event being hosted by the Invercargill Club.

34. The O/S inter-provincial teams' event doesn't have a trophy. Other events do. Need to address this by next year.

35. Judith to send a card of condolence to NZ Bridge from Otago Southland on the passing of Karen Marteletti.

Strategic plan items addressed

Meeting closed 5:25 PM

Next meeting Sunday 4 July 1pm